

**INQUIRY INTO UNSOLVED MURDERS AND LONG-TERM
MISSING PERSONS CASES IN NEW SOUTH WALES
BETWEEN 1965 AND 2010**

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I am writing to you in regards to the verdict not being able to be handed down by Judge Fulerton in my daughter's case.

The perpetrator of my daughter's disappearance committed suicide the day before the judgement was to be delivered. Consequently, there was no verdict. I sat in that courtroom for 68 of the 70 days trial. I wrote everything down at the trial.

We have been to the coroners court last year, where she said that my daughter was a victim of homicide at the hands of the perpetrator. Magistrate/Judge Graham also said she strongly urged the law review committee look into this situation.

I have just watched a documentary on a lass called Jodie Loumus who was murdered in 1972. Unfortunately, this was in America, so I know the laws are different, but the perpetrator in this case also committed suicide before the jury had made their decision of guilt or innocence. When they returned to court they were puzzled as to where the perpetrator was as he was not in court. They were allowed to hand down a verdict of guilty, even though the perpetrator had taken his life.

My question is, why can't I have the verdict that the judge had? I've been told that part of the reason is because no punishment can be given and if it was possible, that that person, because they were dead, could not appeal the decision.

I know that a law cannot be retrospective, but I'd hate to think that even one other family should have to go through what I have had to endure.

I have a page for my Leisl on Facebook if you would like to visit it...Find Leisl Smith....

I am available if you want more information.

Thank you for all you do for all of our missing family members.

Yours sincerely,

Sandi Harvey